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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: **Viktor ARBANAS**Application No./Patent No.: **10/568,231**Filed/Issue Date: **February 14, 2006**Entitled: **Vehicle Steering System Comprising a Device for Altering the Transmission Ratio****ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG**a **corporation**

(Name of Assignee)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

*ppa Dahlkamp*  
Signature

*ppa. Adams*  
Signature

29.08.2008

Date

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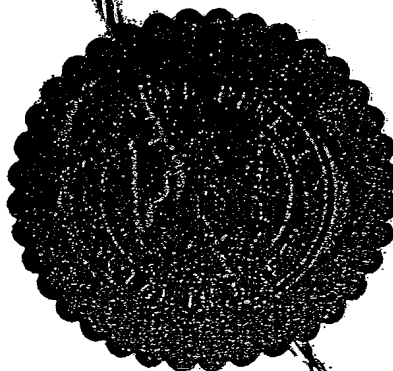
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Bescheinigung gemäß § 21 BNotO

Ich, der unterzeichnende Notar, Reinhard Denker mit dem Amtssitz in Essen bescheinige aufgrund heutiger Einsichtnahme in das Handelsregister der ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG mit Sitz in Bochum, eingetragen im Handelsregister beim Amtsgericht Bochum unter HRB 6536 und Einsichtnahme in das Handelsregister der ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG mit Sitz in Essen, eingetragen im Handelsregister beim Amtsgericht Essen unter HRB 13989 nachfolgendes:

1. Das Vermögen der ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG mit Sitz in Bochum (übertragender Rechtsträger) ist als Ganzes im Wege der Verschmelzung gemäß § 2 Ziffer 1 UmwG aufgrund des Verschmelzungsvertrages vom 8. Dezember 2006 und den zustimmenden Beschlüssen der Gesellschafterversammlung der ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG und der ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG ebenfalls vom 8. Dezember 2006 auf die ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG mit Sitz in Essen (übernehmender Rechtsträger) übertragen worden.
2. Diese Verschmelzung ist im Handelsregister der ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG beim Amtsgericht Bochum unter HRB 6536 am 27. Dezember 2006 eingetragen worden und durch Eintragung der Verschmelzung im Handelsregister der übernehmenden ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG beim Amtsgericht Essen unter HRB 13989 am 16. Januar 2007 gemäß § 20 UmwG wirksam geworden.
3. Eine Kopie der Eintragungsmitteilung über die Eintragung der Verschmelzung im Handelsregister der ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG (übernehmender Rechtsträger) beim Amtsgericht Essen unter HRB 13989 ist dieser Bescheinigung als Anlage beigefügt.

Essen, den 30. Januar 2007



  
-Notar-

Eintragungen beim Amtsgericht Essen im Handelsregister B 13989

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**Nummer der Eintragung: 41**

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**b) Sonstige Rechtsverhältnisse:**

Die ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG in Bochum (Amtsgericht Bochum, HRB 6536) ist aufgrund des Verschmelzungsvertrages vom 08.12.2006 und der Zustimmungsbeschlüsse der Hauptversammlungen der an der Verschmelzung beteiligten Gesellschaften vom selben Tag mit der Gesellschaft durch Übertragung ihres Vermögens als Ganzes auf diese gem. § 2 Ziff 1 UmwG verschmolzen.

7.

**a) Tag der Eintragung:**

16.01.2007

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**DECLARATION**

**Translation of a WRITTEN CONFIRMATION from the notary REINHARD  
DENKER, dated 30/1/07, relating to the merger of ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG and  
ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG, and of COMMERCIAL REGISTER ENTRY B13989  
from the district court of Essen, dated 16/1/07**

I, BRIAN PHILIP STUBBS, BA (Joint Honours), translator to **LINK TRANSLATION  
BUREAU LIMITED**, Suite 307, Coopers Building, Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AA,  
hereby declare that I am conversant with the German and English languages and am a  
competent translator from one to the other and declare that I am the translator of the attached  
document and certify that it is a true translation to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2008

  
B P Stubbs

**Written confirmation pursuant to §21 BNotO [= *National rules and regulations for German notaries*]**

I, the undersigned notary Reinhard Denker, whose office is located in Essen, hereby, after having on this day inspected the commercial register for ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG, located in Bochum, entered in the commercial register at the district court of Bochum under number HRB 6536 and after having inspected the commercial register for ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG, located in Essen, entered in the commercial register at the district court of Essen under number HRB 13989, declare the following:

1. The assets of ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG, located in Bochum, (transferring rights-holder) have been completely transferred to ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG, located in Essen, (assuming rights-holder) during the course of the merger pursuant to §2, paragraph 1 UmwG [= *Law regulating the transformation of companies*] on the basis of the merger contract dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and the consenting decisions from the meeting of shareholders of ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG and of ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG also dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006.
2. This merger has been entered in the commercial register for ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG at the district court of Bochum under number HRB 6536 on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and came into force upon the entry of the merger in the commercial register for the assuming ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG at the district court of Essen under number HRB 13989 on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007 pursuant to §20 UmwG.
3. Enclosed with this written confirmation is a copy of the entry communication relating to the entry of the merger in the commercial register for ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG (assuming rights-holder) at the district court of Essen under number HRB 13989.

Essen, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007

[official seal]

[signed]  
– Notary –

Entries at the district court of Essen in the commercial register B 13989

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**Entry number:** 41

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**b) Other legal relationships:**

ThyssenKrupp Automotive AG in Bochum (district court of Bochum, HRB 6536) has been merged with the company by the transfer of all of its assets thereto pursuant to §2 paragraph 1 UmwG on the basis of the merger contract dated 08/12/2006 and the consenting decisions from the general meetings of the same date of the companies involved in the merger.

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**a) Date of entry:**

16/01/2007

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